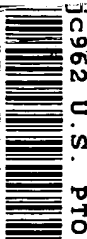


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- ☒ 14 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 - 75 )
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